

## MONMOUTHSHIRE, BRECON AND ABERGAVENNY CANALS TRUST

### REGENERATION MANAGERS REPORT - 4TH JULY 2011

During the spring and early summer, time has been spent on securing funds to keep the trusts and its partners objectives a reality, the following information sets out the grants which have been applied for:-

#### **Funding Application (Successful)**

##### **Restoration of Drapers lock lower Cwmbran**

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	£ 25,000
Torfaen CBC match funding	£ 25,000
Restoration of Drapers Lock	

The Trust and TCBC having been successful and given the go-ahead to start investing in materials for the project which commenced during March/April 2011. The final £10,900.00 payment from the TCFC was received in June.

#### **Progress to date**

Site office and materials store set up.

Restoration team have been clearing the offside and erecting security fence, clearing debris and installing clay dame at head of chamber.

Main lock chamber has been de-watered and debris cleared.

Training in the use of Lime Mortar has been arranged for the volunteers

Waterway Recovery Group will be carrying out a work camp between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Torfaen CBC HLF Application to restore 8 Lock from Pentre Road to Ty Coch Top Lock was part successful with £40,000.00 being granted towards the preparation of a Development and Environmental Plan.

Consultants were appointed in May and have already carried out an Engineering and Environmental assessment. A first stage public consultation workshop took place during the last week of June.

The total HLF grant application will be £500,000.00

#### **Newport City Homes – Environmental Improvement Fund**

Application was successful.

The trust received £2,844.00 to improve Wheelchair access onto the canal at Cefn Bridge and provide Educational & Community Pond Dipping Facilities in Lock 18 side pond.

The improved wheelchair part of the project has been completed cost £1,584.00.

**Entrust, (Project No 842916.003)**

**Landfill Credit Fund (Newport Waste) £48,500.00**

This project will enable further landscaping works to be carried out at Cefn Flight of Fourteen Locks on the Crumlin Arm to complete Phase 1 of the restoration of Locks 17, 18, 19, 20 the project will include:

Reinstatement of Picnic Area (Completed)

Reinstatement of 100m of footpaths (Completed)

A further 300m still to complete.

**WCVA (Wales Council for Volunteer Action)**

These grants aim to make a significant contribution to raising levels of employment and reduce economic inactivity through structured and relevant work experience, build confidence and skills for the unemployed to move into a sustainable career.

The project will support the unemployed by providing funds to set up a Project Team to manage the scheme over 12 months.

The first stage of the application is to become accepted by the WCVA as a competent organisation or approved supplier.

(ILM - The Intermediate Labour Market) - Geographical Location, Newport & Monmouthshire

**(Passed Round One, score 78.2% - pass mark 70%)**

(Employ Restoration Team)

(ILM - The Intermediate Labour Market) - Geographical Location, Torfaen & Caerphilly

**(Passed Round One, score 86.2% - pass mark 70%)**

(Employ Restoration Team)

(Engagement Gate Way, Convergence - Geographical Location, Torfaen County B Council Round 3

**(Passed Round One, score 63% - pass mark 60%)**

**Successfully added to approved supplier List)**

(Employ Restoration Team)

Round 2 application submitted - Applied for £76,506.12. Match funding £64,492.40

Engagement Gateway Regional

Competitiveness & Employment Round 2 - Geographical Location, Newport & Monmouthshire

**(Passed Round One, score 68% - pass mark 60%)**

(Employ Restoration Team)

**Successfully added to approved supplier List)**

(Employ Project Supervisor for BW)

Round 2 application submitted – Applied for £147,010.74. No match funding required.

**THE MONMOUTHSHIRE AND BRECON CANALS BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 2012**  
**THE JOINING OF THE MONMOUTHSHIRE & BRECKNOCK AND ABERGAVENNY**  
**CANALS 1812 RING OF BELLS 1812 – 2012**

Project community focus groups representing the areas of Powys CC & Monmouthshire CC, Torfaen CBC, Newport City Council and Caerphilly CBC have met.

A list of established annual and new ideas for events has been compiled.

The next stage is for an organising committee to be made up from each of the focus groups to agree a calendar of events.

**Key events so far:**

Ring of Bells - Churches along the route of the canal corridor February 2012.

Wales Waterway Festival - Pontymoile Basin & Giles Aqueduct (Manor Road)

Procession of Lanterns from Blaenavon to Llanfoist, including a Male Voice Choir singing from the top of the Bloreng Mountain.

School children holding hands along the canal corridor - Brecon to Newport and Cwmcarn

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